BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006 Carbon, Montana [30009]

Carbon is one of 56 counties in Montana. It is part of the <u>Billings, MT (MSA)</u>. Its 2006 population of 9,705 ranked 20th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Carbon had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$33,528. This PCPI ranked 4th in the state and was 109 percent of the state average, \$30,790, and 91 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.5 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Carbon was \$19,269 and ranked 17th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Carbon had a total personal income (TPI) of \$325,387*. This TPI ranked 15th in the state and accounted for 1.1 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Carbon was \$176,949* and ranked 18th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 5.0 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.8 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Carbon. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 53.0 percent of TPI (compared with 50.3 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 31.7 percent (compared with 31.6 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.3 percent (compared with 18.1 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings decreased 0.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 12.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 10.6 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 6.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.5 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Carbon decreased from \$112,635* in 2005 to \$111,059* in 2006, a decrease of 1.4 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.7 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$65,924* to the 2006 estimate was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.0 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

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